

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025



NEWSLETTER



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Rest is not a waste of time, it's a necessity - Happy Half Term

This Week at James Dixon



Our Reception pupils have completed half of their very first year of school! As Mr Minnott would say *'You're halfway around the equator.'*

Term Dates 2025

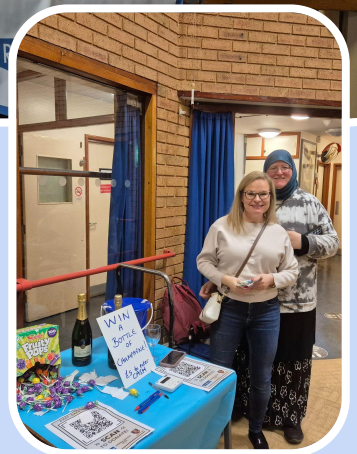


Term Starts	Monday 6th January 2025	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Monday 1st September 2025
Half Term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October
Term Finishes	Friday 4th April 2025 @ 2pm	Tuesday 22nd July 2025 @ 2pm	Friday 19th December @ 2pm

PTA Quiz Night

The PTA hosted their second annual quiz night on Friday in Crystal Palace and what a night of entertainment it was! Mr Entwistle did a stellar job as Quiz Master, keeping the rowdy teams under control.

This year the crown was taken by 'The Quizzer Sisters' (see what they did there?). If you weren't there, you really did miss out on a night of intellectual challenge, laughs, Haribos and of course the finest white wine.



Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising and hosting such a fantastic event. Thank you also to everyone in our school community who supported it. We're looking forward to more of the same next year.

Express Yourself!



Pyjama-tastic!



**Catching
raindrops!**



Smartly suited!

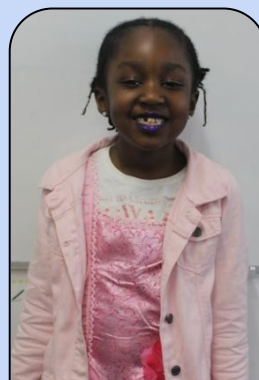
We had a fantastic day on Friday last week coming to school dressed in a way to express ourselves. It was lovely to see so many different forms of expression. We all finished the day with some mindful activities to ensure we started the weekend with a relaxed state of mind and raised a fantastic £275 for the children's mental health charity Place2Be. Thank you!



All sequined up!



**Proudly
presenting!**

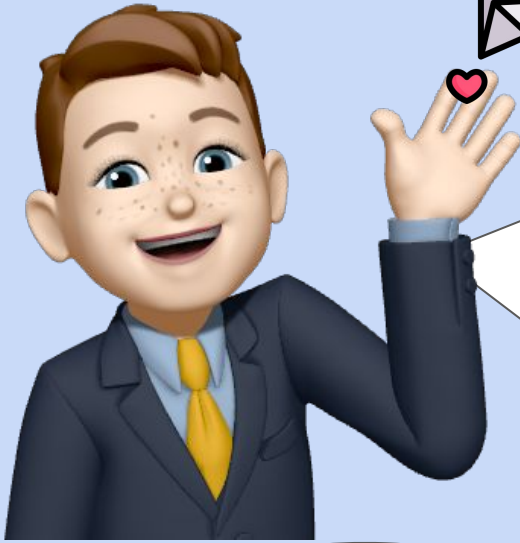


Pretty in pink!



**Taekwondo
champ!**

Pupil Leadership



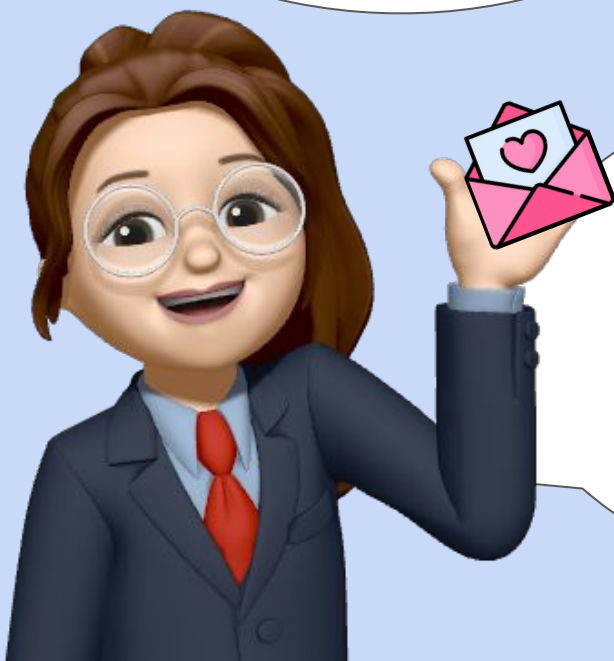
Hello JD! I hope you had a nice week! Last week, Y6 had some more mock SATs It was a bit challenging, but I think we did rather well. Last Friday, we also had an own clothes day to raise money for the children's mental health charity, Place2Be.

Hi JD I hope you have enjoyed your week! I know that I have. Last week it was wellbeing week. It was all about mindfulness and helping others. On Friday it was own clothes day. We've all done it to raise money for a charity called Place2be.
Siana



Hi JD! I hope you enjoyed the own clothes day because I know I did. There was a gymnastics tryout last week. I hope I got in. Wellbeing is very important.

Rose



Curriculum Focus - Phonics

Why do we need phonics?

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



At James Dixon we use the Little Wandle scheme to teach phonics. Phonics teaches children to recognise the sounds that letters and combinations of letters make. They learn to blend the sound together to make a word. Children use their phonetic knowledge to decode new words that they see.



Did you know?

The 'ai' sound is made by 8 different letter combinations-

'ai' as in rain

'ay' as in play

'a' as in paper

'a-e' as in shake

'eigh' as in eight

'aigh' as in straight

'ey' as in grey

'ea' as in break

How can I help at home? A couple of ideas.....



Phonics Bingo

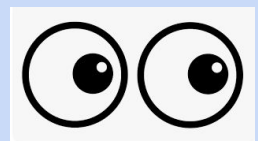
Make a bingo card with different letters on and call out different sounds, and your child can cross off when they hear the matching letter.

I spy....

An old favourite

but it can really help!

Pick an object you can see. Say the sound your object starts with and see if your child can guess what it is



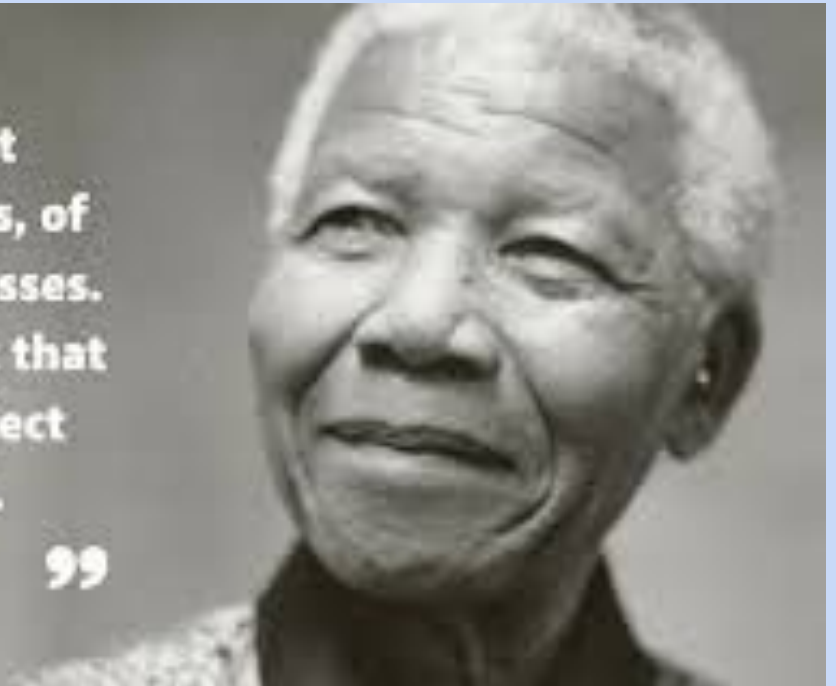
Sustainability

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I dream of our vast deserts, of our forests, of all our great wildernesses. We must never forget that it is our duty to protect this environment.

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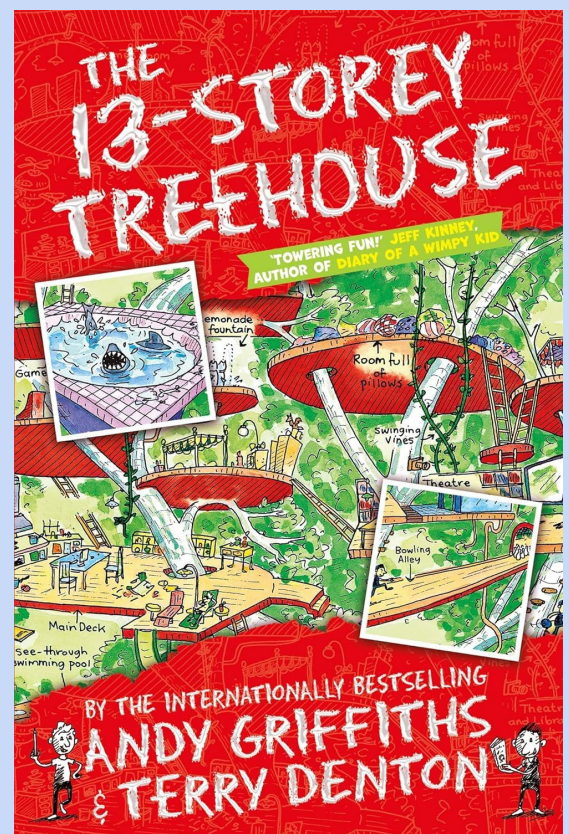
Nelson Mandela



Book Recommendation

A hilarious and imaginative children's book that follows the adventures of Andy and Terry, two friends who live in the world's best treehouse which is packed with incredible features like a giant catapult, a tank of man-eating sharks, and a marshmallow machine that shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry!

The book is full of wacky humor, silly jokes, and outrageous illustrations, making it a guaranteed laugh-out-loud read.



Composition of the Week!



Click here to listen
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2VpR8HahKc>

Daft Punk - One More Time

Genre: House/Disco

Composed in 1999

Daft Punk are a French electronic music duo. The song uses audio filters, featuring heavily processed auto-tuned vocals

Do you like that they have altered the vocal? Can you explain why or why not?

Internet Safety Day



Phishing is a form of social engineering and a scam where attackers deceive people into revealing sensitive information.

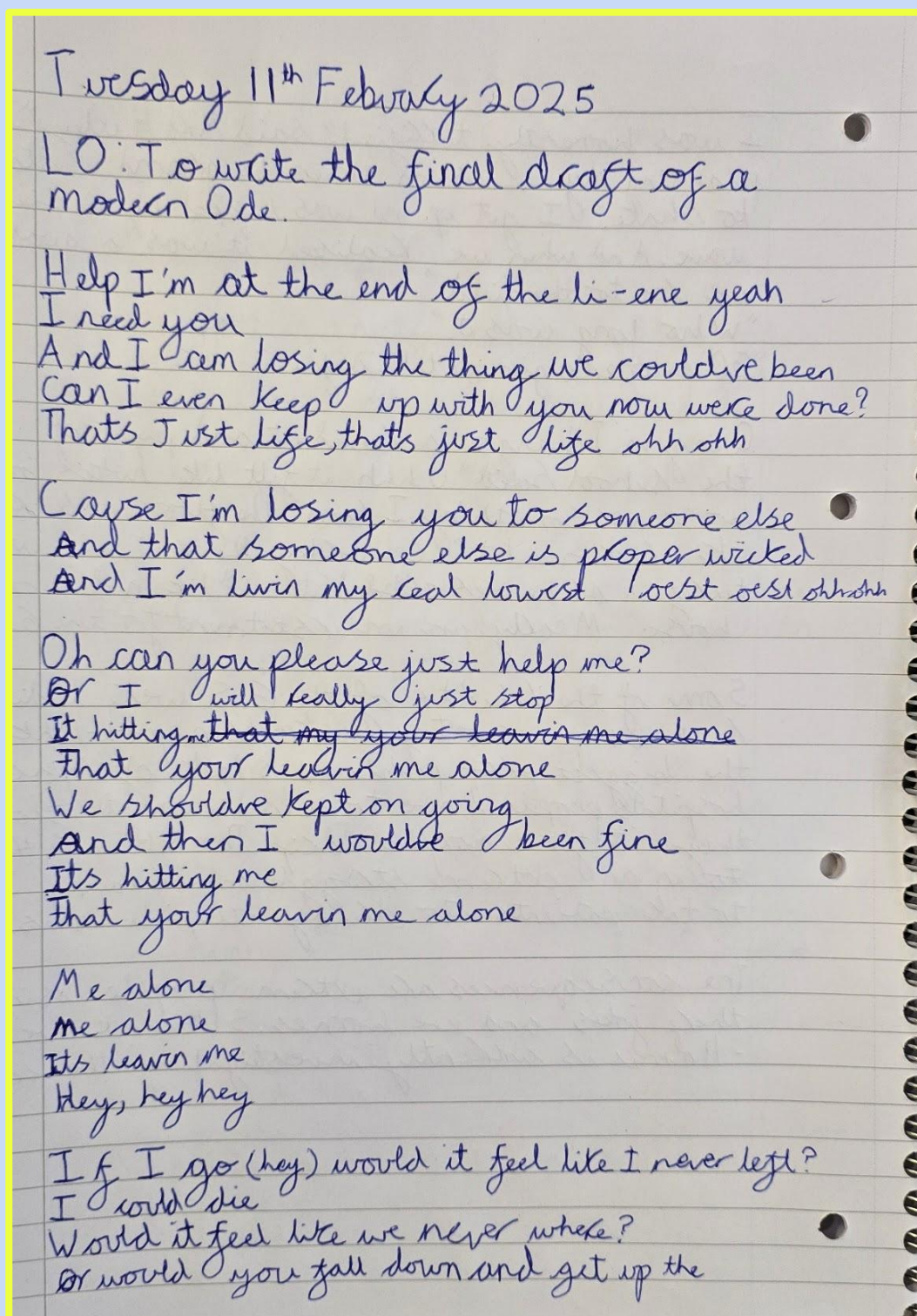
Mr Coxley cleverly demonstrated just what can happen when you get phished!



Exciting Writing!

Year 5 have been looking at what makes a great song. They studied the similarities and differences between songs and poems and eventually, came up with their own.

This amazing 'ode' was written by Rory in Year 5 and I think you'll agree it's got Top Ten written all over it!



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

91%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	92%
Respectful	96%
Honest	97%
Energetic	89%
Expressive	92%
Reflective	86%
Resilient	90%
Considerate	88%
Kind	88%
Capable	97%
Cooperative	96%
Caring	91%
Successful	87%

James Dixon
Primary



Next week's achievers

Home Learning

Energetic	Olek
Expressive	George
Reflective	Lara
Resilient	Blake
Kind	Ryvan
Considerate	Livia
Capable	Nickson
Cooperative	Ashton
Caring	Lewis
Successful	Otoniel

Dates for your diary

<p><u>Mon. 24th February</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tue. 25th February</u></p> <p><u>Kent Cricket Festival</u> (selected children)</p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 26th February</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitees only)</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thur. 27th February</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 Field Trip to Anerley and Penge</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Fri. 28th February</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p>PTA Preloved Uniform Event</p>
<p><u>Monday 3rd March</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 4th March</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 5th March</u></p> <p><u>Gymnastics Competitions (selected children)</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitees only)</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 6th March</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 7th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 trip to National Army Museum</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon. 10th March</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p><u>Cross Country Parents Meeting Yr 3 & 4 3.00 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 11th March</u></p> <p><u>CLASS PHOTOS</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 12th March</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 13th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 Trip to Buddhist Centre</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 14th March</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>

James Dixon Preschool

Morning and Afternoon session availability

Mornings: 8.30-11.30am Afternoons: 12.15-3.15pm

What we do:

We focus on learning through play, providing enriching play opportunities and learning experiences.



We also have learning sessions, including:

- Phonics
- Maths
- History/science/geography

We also have weekly Forest school and PE lessons.



Please scan QR code to visit our website and complete an application form.

James Dixon
Primary



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GREATNESS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Respecting Our Neighbours



Please note that all of the parking bays on William Booth Road are private; paid for by the residents.



Help us to have positive relationships with our neighbours.



Respect our neighbours

DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE BAYS

